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BURNETT.—On the 4th April, at 5, Mountain View, the wife of G.W.C. Burnett of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1917.

"RIGHT IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN PEACE."

"If the United States does not go to war with Germany now," said General Snuts, at the House of Commons luncheon the other day, "she will have to do so later." President Wilson, to judge from his speech to Congress, wisely prefers "now" to "later"—and so the Kaiser has at last got that for which he has been scheming ever since he realised that his country was beaten. From Germany, more than from anywhere, heart-felt thanks will go up, for her people are frantic in their desire for the ending of the war, and America's entry offers them the excuse, for which they have so long waited, for throwing down their cards. Peace was near already, and, unless the miraculous should happen, it is now brought nearer than ever.

The present is not the time for enquiring closely into President Wilson's speedy conversion and change of outlook. It may be that we do not easily forget that, three months ago, he was hinting that we and the Germans were tarred with one brush; it may be that we are a little mystified that "the champions of the rights of mankind" should have borne, with a quite admirable philosophy, the invasion of Belgium, the slaughtering of a few hundred thousands of helpless Americans, and one or two other trifles; it may be that to reconcile "we are too proud to fight" with "right is more precious than peace" requires a greater mental effort than inert Hongkong is capable of;—but we must leave all that for future consideration, and regard only the plain fact: that, late in the day, the United States has decided to throw in her lot with those who are giving their blood and their wealth to end forever the power of the Boches. America has money, ships, and men at her command, and her President offers these to the Allies—who will accept the offer with supreme gratitude, the more so that they cannot fail to be aware that it is made at a risk of serious internal political trouble. Our new ally has, it may be presumed, not been idle in ascertaining the strength of the enemy within her gates. Some weeks have passed since the breaking off of diplomatic relations, and Washington must be tolerably well informed by this time as to the likelihood of its having to face plots and disturbances engineered by some millions of Germans and German-Americans; and this fact makes America's readiness to join us all the more generous.

President Wilson is as unready as ever, we notice, to quarrel with what he terms "the German people"; and his point of view is not particularly difficult to understand if we remember that he belongs to a republican country, wherein the name of King or Emperor is anathema. Throughout this war the United States press has persisted in trying to prove to its readers that, if there were no kings, there would be no conflicts; and it is not surprising to find an American believing that the German, so long as he has no "handle" to his name, is a perfectly law-abiding and innocent man. We who have been reared in a monarchical country see matters otherwise, and find it easy enough to detect villainies in any Prussian, be he duke or peasant; and for this reason we regret to find President Wilson so ready to express his "sympathy and friendship" towards a people the majority of whom, without distinction of rank, profess the "Deutschland ueber Alles" gospel. As in the case of China, we only hope that America may not have cause to rue her readiness to be tolerant towards "the German people." We are aware that the Hohenzollerns, the Bethmann-Hollwags, the Hindenburgs, etc. are at the bottom of the plot to ruin the world; but the fact that these have found so many millions of ready helpers does not argue over shyly in favour of a blameless German populace. That "right," on behalf of which Dr. Wilson is now ready to go to war, has been infringed as much by the barbar as by the baron; and the raping, the vandalism, the torturing, and the poisoning that have characterised the Hun conduct of the war have been indulged in as much by the waiter, the sausage dealer, the toy-maker, the factory-hand, the merchant and the student as by that nice young man the Crown Prince. Therefore to talk of maintaining peaceable relations with the mob, while one struggles for one's rights with the ruling class, seems a little idle. But that is America's affair, and she must

Child Cruelty.

It is common knowledge that native servant girls in Hongkong suffer an appalling measure of cruelty at the hands of brutal mistresses. Occasionally the offenders are caught and brought to book, but the number of Court cases in no wise reflects the extent of the cruelties practised. Yesterday, Mr. Melbourne had before him a woman who had punished a little slave girl, for some small offence, by beating her face and parts of her body with matches, and the magistrate's decision was the ordering of six weeks' hard labour. In the circumstances, we cannot regard the punishment as anything like adequate. There were certain most revolting features about the case which it would have been impossible to reveal in a newspaper, but with which the Magistrate must have been fully acquainted, and whilst we do not hold with corporal punishment of women—even when they are natives—save in most exceptional circumstances, we cannot help feeling that there was a case which justified the Bench in giving this heartless woman a taste of her own medicine. It is a sufficiently sad reflection to realise that a system practically amounting to slavery is still allowed to be perpetuated here under the British flag. It will be a thousand times worse if native women are encouraged to think that they can treat their maid-servants just as they please without the fear of very heavy punishment. We can only hope, therefore, that in future cases of this kind, magistrates will remember that there is such a thing as the birth.

When Is Peace Coming?

That those who have offered bets on "Peace in 1917" will stand an excellent chance of collecting their money, has long been a pretty generally accepted idea. Of course the pessimist and the know-all, like the poor, are always with us, and there are still to be found sundry wiseacres ready to tell us that the war is going to last another two or three years; but the majority of people prefer to accept the statement of the late Lord Kitchener as to the duration of the conflict, and to believe that when Mr. Lloyd George told the world, at the beginning of this year, that peace would come in 1917, he knew what he was talking about. In the mind of those who endeavour to take an all-round view of the situation there is no longer any doubt whatever that the end of the war is now a question of months and not years—and this for half a dozen or more reasons. Germany makes less and less attempt to disguise the fact that she is hungry, and that our blockade really is having a strangling effect. With America "coming in," the force of that blockade can be increased twofold, if not threefold, for obvious reasons. In the next place, the unrestricted submarine warfare to which the Huns, in certain cases, pinned their faith, has proved to be a very rotten staff on which to lean; for Germany, with her characteristic thick-headedness, never seems to have calculated on the possibility of arming merchant ships, leave alone on the likelihood of the Allies capturing the much vaunted submarines. Again, China's entry helps in a score of ways which need not be particularised. The Russian revolution, too, set the people of Germany an example, the force of which they could not fail to see. Finally, Austria has manifestly tired of the disagreeable partnership into which she had allowed herself to be drawn; and the same may doubtless be said of Bulgaria and Turkey. When we consider all these things, and when we add the fact that our enemies are daily receiving more and more punishment on the Western front, as well as continually losing more ground—and consequently more "face"—it requires no great effort of imagination on the part of the average man, for him to realise that the end is not far off.

Ball Estreated.

Eight Chinese, failed to appear before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court, this morning, in answer to a charge of assault. Their bail of \$5 each was

DAY BY DAY.

LEARN TO LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME. DO THE BEST YOU CAN TODAY, AND DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW.

To Our Readers.—To-morrow being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the Telegraph on that day.

The Dollar.—The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.—To-morrow is the 105th anniversary of the seizure of Badajoz by the British.

Victoria Theatre.—Readers are reminded that a grand variety farewell takes place at the Victoria Theatre to-night.

Quarantine Restrictions.—The Colonial Secretary advises us that Bangkok has declared quarantine restrictions against Hongkong on account of small-pox.

Union Church Service.—There is to be a Good Friday service at the Union Church to-morrow at 11 a.m. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will be the preacher.

Dividends.—Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Shanghai Gas Co., has declared a dividend of Tls. 2.50 (6 per cent.) for the year ending December 31, 1916, and Consolidated Rubber Estates, Ltd., a final of 12 cents, making Tls. 9.39 (52 per cent.) for 1916.

A Thin Excuse.—A woman was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of several pounds of brown sugar. Defendant stated that she took a cooie from a ship to the shore, and when he found he had not the money to pay her hire, he gave her the sugar instead. His Worship did not believe the story, and inflicted a fine of \$5, or, in default, seven days' hard labour.

Allice Memorial Hospital.—The Hon. Treasurer of the Allice Memorial and Allied Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—D. Sassoon & Co., \$100; E. D. Sassoon & Co., \$100; A. B. & Co., \$100; Reiss & Co., \$100; H. Skott, \$100; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, \$100; W. R. Loxley & Co., \$75; Dodwell & Co., \$75; Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, \$50; Asiatic Petroleum Co., \$50.

Ingenious Explanation.—Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with hawking within market limits, and with endeavouring to bribe a lunkong. Defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge, adding that the lunkong chased him into a shop, and his coat pocket was torn. His money dropped out and the constable picked some up. He did not give the constable any money. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$2 on the first charge, and \$5 on the second.

Persistent Banishment.—At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese, who had been banished from the Colony, in 1916, for 20 years, was charged with retaining before the expiration of his time. A second charge, of stealing six pairs of trousers, was also preferred against him. Defendant said he had returned because he wanted some work to do. It was stated that he had been banished for life from Singapore, and he had returned here and been sent to prison for 12 months for theft. The case was adjourned.

Good Friday Music.

Our readers are reminded of the performance of selections from the "Elijah" and the Epilogue from the "Banner of St. George," to be given to-morrow evening, at 9.15, in St. John's Cathedral, and organised by Mr. Dennis Fuller on behalf of the Red Cross and Prisoners of War Funds. The chorus is a large and really well balanced one of 112 voices, and it is hoped the financial result will be such as to enable all Good Friday services to be held in the Cathedral.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

R. E. v. Club.

This concluding match of the "soccer" season was played before a good crowd on the Club enclosure yesterday afternoon, but spectators had little good football over which to become enthusiastic. It was a poor, scrappy game throughout, and certainly the tamest final seen for years. The Club (who were somewhat poorly represented) were the first to get going, Stalker bursting through in the centre, and testing the R. E. goalie, who could do no more than push out a weak ball to Blumfield who placed the leather at Clemo's feet. The outside-left was thus presented with a glorious opening, and certainly should have scored in the first minute of the game, but he was apparently not expecting such an early chance, and booted tamely behind. This bad miss probably, lost the Club the Championship, for they never afterwards looked like scoring.

Stalker made one or two good attempts in the second half, but the Club centre did not play his usual dashing game, being badly handicapped by the severe cut over the eye, which he received in the last match. After the Club had pressed for some time without result, White ran through and cleverly beat Black. Seeing his passage barred by Bailton, he slipped out a pass to Lucas on the extreme left, but the new man was weak in his final centre. White's clever play again made a good opening for Scott, but the early centre was yards too slow, and was easily robbed by Stewart. McTavish got moving, but Clemo put behind. Some dull, uninteresting mid-field work followed, the forwards on both sides being slow and unenterprising. Half-time arrived with no score.

R. E. infused a little more dash into the game on resuming, and from Scott's pass, Strange went right through on his own, but, with only Goldenburg to beat, he shot yards wide. R. E. were now playing up strongly, and the ball was hovering ominously round Goldenburg's charge, when a stoppage was necessitated by an injury to Strange, who badly twisted his knee in a tussle with Rodgers, the latter being obliged to retire. With only ten men opposing them, the Club had more of the game, and Stalker sent Clemo away on the left. The winger centred a beautiful ball on the run, and Stalker was almost through when he was badly brought down by Blumfield from behind, but the referee ignored the centre-forwards' appeal. White again raised the siege, and galloped away on the left, his final shot going just wide. McTavish had a chance hereabouts, but his long shot passed high over the bar. The Club attacked again, and Stalker, after beating several opponents, had the goal at his mercy; but Coxon's lightning tackle was just in the nick of time. It looked as though the game would peter out in a goalless draw again, but towards the finish Townsend got away on the R. E. left, and, beating Bailton, he pushed a weak ball right across the goal-mouth, where Black should have cleared easily, but he missed the leather completely. The ball rolled to the feet of White, who easily beat Goldenburg at close range. The goal acted like a tonic on both teams and for a few minutes the game was almost exciting, but after Clemo had centred behind, the game again slowed down. McTavish forced a corner off Blumfield, but before it could be taken the final whistle was sounded, a poor, scrambling game ending:—R. E., 1 goal; Club, nil.

"CROSSBAR"

Second Division Match.

Great interest was centred on the re-play match between A. Co., K.S.L.L. and D. Co., K.S.L.L. When they met last Saturday, both teams played to a draw of one each, the result being attended by some very exciting moments, each fighting their hardest to notch another goal yesterday. A. Company were very lucky, and scored a goal in the first half, but D. Company, who were not to be outdone, scored a goal in the second half, and the match ended in a draw.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Joined.
The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted to Engineer Company:—No. 2084 Spr. J. O. Lang; No. 2085 Spr. J. W. Faulkner; No. 2086 Bugler J. G. Eynoch.

Leave.
No. 210 C.S.M. A. J. Mackie is granted 10 months' leave from 31.5.17.
No. 1542 Pte. G. Perkins is granted 6 months' leave from 3.4.17.
No. 1998 Spr. J. H. Gordon is granted 3 months' leave from 4.4.17.

Transferred.
No. 1818 Pte. E. J. Edwards is transferred from Civil Service Company to Belchers 6" Section, dated 6th April, 1917.

Struck Off.
No. 1521 Pte. A. Keith having left the Colony and resigned, is struck off the strength of the Corps from 2nd April, 1917.

Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1916.
Every member of the Corps must register himself, and those of his family, if any, who are 18 years old or over, within the next 8 days under the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1916. The necessary forms, which are to be forwarded to the Captain Superintendent of Police when completed, can be obtained from Volunteer Headquarters.

Parades.
Friday 6th instant.—All parades cancelled.
Tuesday 10th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section (sub sections 3 and 4 only) at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters and Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks, and Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Wednesday 11th April.—5.10 p.m. Adjutant's Parade on Polo Ground. Left, Centre and Right Sections M. G. Co. Scouts Company and Civil Service Company proceed by car to Polo Ground. Senior Officers need not attend.

Thursday 12th instant.—5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Friday 13th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section (sub sections 2 and 3 only) at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground. C. S. M. Witchell, Corps. Grimes and Edgcombe will attend; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks, and Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Detail.
On duty 15th instant, Scouts Company; 16th Scouts Company; 17th, Civil Service Company; 18th, Centre Section M. G. Company; 19th, Right Section M. G. Company; 20th, Scouts Company; 21st, Scouts Company.

Orderly Officer from 15th to 21st instant, Lieut. Bee.

Annual Inspection of Arms.
All rifles and bayonets which have not already been returned to Headquarters for examination must be sent in to-day.

Notice.
Sergeants Mess.—Members attending the annual dinner on the 14th instant, should send in their names, together with those of their guests, to the Hon. Sec. Sergeants Mess, R. E. V. Co., not later than Wednesday, the 11th instant.

got past A. Company backs. No goals had been scored at half-time.

Some fine play was seen in the second half, and Davies was given a second chance, which he did not neglect. He started the scoring for A. Company. Shortly after, Davies, who was playing as a forward, passed the ball into the net. D. Company, not liking the turn the play had taken, tried to shoot and Davies, who was playing as a forward, passed the ball into the net. D. Company, not liking the turn the play had taken, tried to shoot and Davies, who was playing as a forward, passed the ball into the net.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

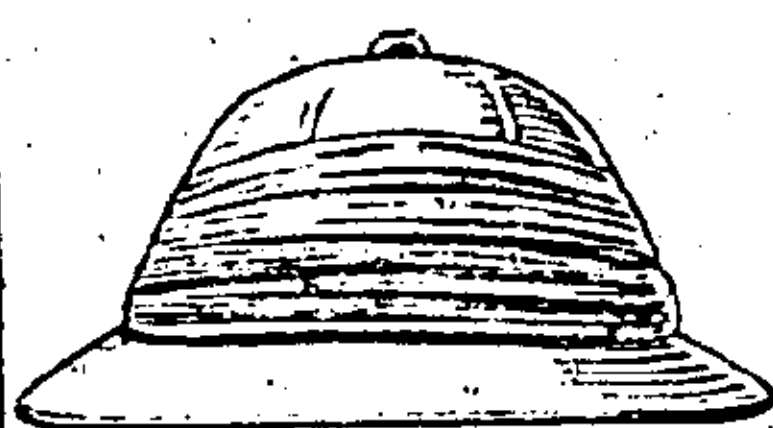
When China breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany on account of the submarine atrocities it brings a new element into the war, says the Sydney Daily Telegraph. There may be no immediate fear of an overt act drawing China into the campaign. China is in no position to fight. Yet the subsequent developments of this century, the national transmutations, and the international relationships which may succeed the war can conceivably produce conditions that would strengthen such a Power and add to her status in the world. Europe is bleeding itself white. Imagination might easily picture a great Eastern nation at the end of it all holding a commanding position in the control of the destinies of the human race. There would at once arise a transformation in international affairs that might ultimately shift the centre of the world's power. Meanwhile the factor which immediately concerns the Allies is that the German agents in the East are precisising their conventional methods to counteract the intentions of the Chinese Government. A system of profuse bribery has been initiated to bend the will of the nation against the proposal to hold Germany at a distance. This liberal expenditure of money on individuals of influential position had a wonderful effect in Greece, in Bulgaria, and in Turkey. It has, on the authority of all Eastern tales, been a sure passport to success with some nations of the East. But the statesmen who control the Chinese Republic understand the German influences probably as well as they are known in the western division of Europe, and may prove quite as well able to diplomatically counter them.

The notification to shipowners in the Australian and New Zealand trade that it has been decided to take over the whole of their tonnage may to a temporary extent revolutionise Australian shipping, remarks the Sydney Daily Telegraph. The board which has been appointed by the Federal Government to co-operate at this end will act in conjunction with the British Controller. In the main the object is to utilise the whole of the Empire's shipping resources to the best advantage in the altered circumstances of the war. Greater dependence is being placed on Australia and New Zealand for war supplies, especially since the submarines have destroyed much of the neutral shipping and confined other sections in port. British shipping yards are endeavouring to keep on a level with the losses, but meantime the tonnage which is being made available will enable the shipping business of Great Britain in various parts of the world to be maintained. There is necessity also for a more comprehensive use of vessels, and the coast of this continent may for a time be partly denuded of many of its finest ships for freight-carrying purposes. The self-supporting character of work of the Empire permit this work to be organised, and though the effect of the scheme when it is put completely in force may be to deprive the Commonwealth of some of its best tonnage, compensation will lie in the ability of even the most distant Dominions of the King to contribute a share to the national transport organisation, and furnish the supplies, without which, the armaments of the Allies would be unable to hold the field.

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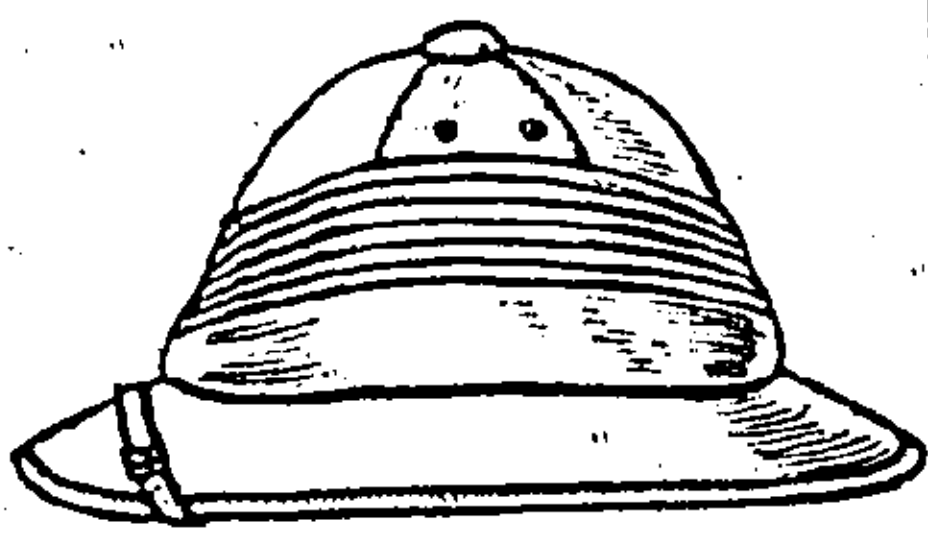


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Owing to the great enthusiasm aroused at M. Dufault's first concert and the heavy advance booking for the last concert, it has been arranged to give an extra concert on Easter Monday night. This will be absolutely the last opportunity of hearing the great tenor, prior to his departure for Manila, for which port he and his assisting artists sail next week. The booking for Saturday's and Monday's concerts is now open at Montreuil's.

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Neurasthenia is a condition of exhaustion of the nervous system. The causes are varied. Continuous work, mental or physical, without holidays, without proper attention to diet and exercise, also worry over family affairs or friends, are the most common causes. Excesses of almost any kind may produce it. Some disorders, like influenza, will cause neurasthenia. So also will a severe shock, intense anxiety, or grief.

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By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1917.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1917.

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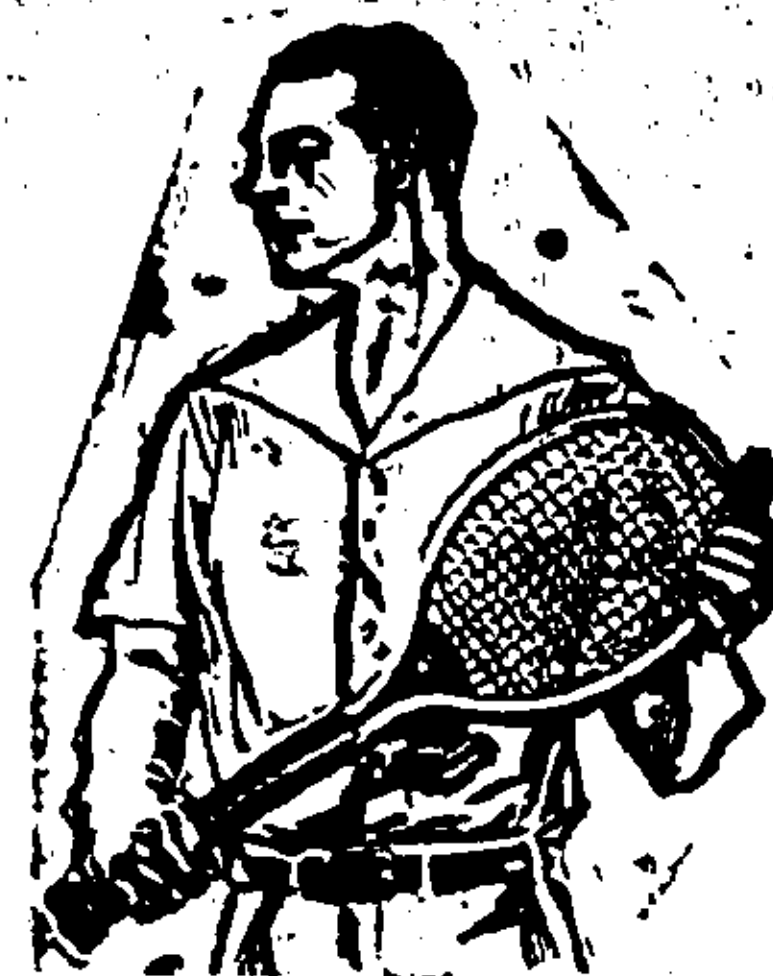
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Hailong	J. W. Evans	FRI., 13th April, at 11 a.m.

FOR SWATOW.

Haitan	A. E. Hodgins	SATUR., 7th April, at 4 p.m.
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TIENTSIN	Chipsing	Tues., 10th Apr. at noon.
KOBE & Moji	Yatsing	Tues., 10th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Thur., 12th Apr. at d'light.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Ship Prices.
A steel steamship of 9,000 tons carrying capacity, ordered in the middle of last year by Japanese owners, at a cost of £18,000, and now delivered by the builders, has been resold for £105,000. In February she fetched just over £258,000.

Notice to Mariners.
Notice has been given that the Hai-Ho Conservancy's pumping plant will be situated at the lower end of the German Bund at Tientsin during April. Masters of vessels are requested to pass the pumping station at the slowest speed possible.

New Standard Oil Boat.
There was launched from the yards of the Kiangnan Dock on March 20 the twin-screw steamer Meitan which has been built to the order of the Standard Oil Co. for service on the Upper Yangtze, the first of several such which have been ordered for similar service. The construction of the Meitan was commenced on October 1, 1916, and the vessel it intended to ply on the Upper Yangtze, between Ichang and Chungking, towing lighters for bulk and case oil, and will operate about eight months in the year. Her dimensions are:—Length over all—140ft. 6in. Length between perpendiculars—135 feet 0 inch. Breadth—17ft. 6in. Draft normal—5ft. 6in. Steel Construction—Speed—14 knots. Engines—2 triple-expansion reciprocating. Boilers—2 White Forster Water Tube. Auxiliaries—All independent. Horsepower—1,450.

"Tonnage Openings."
A good deal of progress is now being made with the closing in of what are known as "tonnage openings" in shelter-deck steamers, a proposal which, it was originally estimated, if adopted throughout the whole of the British Mercantile Marine would give an additional quarter of a million tons of carrying capacity. This was one of the first recommendations of the Shipping Controller, and was referred to by Lord Curzon in his statement on Tuesday, as one of the measures adopted to deal with the shipping problem. Its inception was due largely to the desirability of restricting the imports brought into this country to essential commodities. The feature of the shelter-deck steamers is a complete super-structure above the main deck with one or more tonnage openings. As long as these openings exist this super-structure is not taken into account in reckoning the net or gross tonnage of the vessel. The load line is fixed on the basis of the closed-in portions of the ship, although light cargo could always be carried within the super-structure provided it was not susceptible to water damage. Even before the war some owner closed in these openings and applied to one of the load-line authorities for the line to be reassigned. This meant that the vessel could load more deeply when carrying heavy cargo. Some owners have also adopted the same course. Since the outbreak of war the Shipping Controller, not long after coming into office, asked all owners to make the change where it was practicable, and could be done with absolute safety. The decision was taken only after careful examination of the whole question by the surveyors of the Board of Trade, and those of the classification societies, and was subject to the carrying out of any alterations in the structure that might be deemed necessary by the surveyors. The features of the construction of each vessel were fully taken into account. It does not necessarily follow that because steps are taken to close a fresh load line assigned, this mark need necessarily be at the extreme limit allowed by the load line regulations—and it is important to remember that absolutely no change has been made in the load line regulations. All that has been done is to ask all owners to consider doing in the national interest what they have for years done of their own volition. It is in no way induced by any alarm which does not exist, but is merely one of the numerous schemes now being carried out to ensure that all British tonnage is being employed to the fullest possible extent, and is due especially to the elimination of the lighter cargo. By the adoption of various expedients very considerable additional tonnage is to be secured to the carrying capacity of British ships in the future.—"Times."

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BRITISH SHIPPING FIGURES.

London, April 4.
The Admiralty announces that the arrivals during the week have been 2,281 vessels, while the sailings totalled 2,399. Vessels sunk were eighteen over 1,000 tons and thirteen under 1,000 tons. Seventeen steamers were unsuccessfully attacked. Six fishing vessels were sunk.

The Admiralty announces that a mine-sweeper of the old type was mined and sunk on the 1st inst. Twenty-four of the crew are missing.

RETURN OF GERMAN.

Exclusion from Hongkong for Ten Years Advocated.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak gave notice of the following motion:—

"It is the opinion of this Council that it is in the best interest of the Colony of Hongkong that persons of German nationality should be excluded therefrom for a period of at least 10 years following the declaration of peace; and that, subsequently, they be only admitted into the Colony under strict license."

FILLING UP SHIPPING GAPS.

Statement in Commons of Government Plans.

Interesting statements were made in the House of Commons last month on the subject of replacing ships sunk by the U-boats.

Mr. Percy Alden raised the question by asking the Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller what arrangements had been made, and whether it was possible to start the number of ships now under construction and the number it was proposed to begin building within the next month?

Sir Leo Chiozza Money said arrangements have been made to carry out the programme of new construction of merchant vessels of several suitable types. Every effort was being made to accelerate the construction of such vessels already building as were of the greatest value at the present time. It was not possible to give details, either as to the number now under construction or the number to be put down in the near future, but he could assure the hon. member that no effort was being spared to utilise fully the nation's resources for merchant shipbuilding with due regard to Admiralty needs.

In answer to Commander Wedgwood, the Parliamentary Secretary said that every case of shipbuilding now in progress was being individually considered, and, if it were a case which was helpful at the moment as regards cargo facilities, it was accelerated. If it were a vessel not of a suitable type, it was retarded. Every effort was thus being put forth to make the shipbuilding yards of value to the nation.

The work by private firms, Sir L. Chiozza Money added, is proceeding not only as fast, but at an accelerated rate, because of the facilities given by the Government.

Mr. Lambert asked if the labour for the construction of these vessels was under the control of the Shipping Controller or of the Admiralty. The Shipping Labour Department was endeavouring to organise shipyard labour to the best possible advantage, and, though under the control of the Admiralty, that department also had relations with the Department of the Shipping Controller.

Answering Mr. Pringle, the Parliamentary Secretary said that for a long time past every effort had been made to release from the Colony suitable men for all essential industries, and these efforts were now proceeding.

Easter Offertories.

The offertories at St. John's Cathedral on Easter Day will be given to the Senior Chaplain, as usual.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Queries Concerning Official Vote and German Property.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak gave notice of the following questions:—

1. Will the Government state whether the attention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is especially drawn on all occasions to motions made by Unofficial members which have been defeated by the use of the Official majority against the unanimous vote of Unofficial members of Council?

2. Will the Government state whether on all occasions when a Bill, or any part of a Bill, is passed by the use of the Official majority, against the unanimous vote of the Unofficial members of Council, a special explanation is given to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to justify the use of the Official majority, and are the circumstances of different cases fully set forth in a special despatch?

3. Will the Government state when the German Bank and other "immovable" German private property will be sold by public auction?

4. Having regard to the fact that the German Bank property has already been advertised for the prescribed period of three months, will it be considered necessary to advertise it again for any period longer than a few days?

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The Chief Justice's Advice to Lawyers.

In the Summary Court this morning:—
Mr. Davidson:—The day you have fixed for this case, my Lord, is St. George's Day, and I don't know whether the Court is going to sit then.

The Chief Justice:—After we have bought our flag we might sit, but, still, I think it is better to fix it for the following day.

DAY BY DAY.

St. Peter's Church.

The following Easter services are to take place at St. Peter's Church:—Good Friday, 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; Easter Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon. Preacher: Rev. E.W.L. Martin.

Default Extra Concert.

We are asked to state that the booking for Saturday night and for the extra Easter Monday concert to be given by M. Dufaut will be at Montreuil's on Saturday, as usual, but that on Good Friday and Easter Monday, plans will be available at the Hongkong Hotel from noon till 7 p.m.

Bad Pork.

A Chinese was prosecuted, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, for having for sale three pigs carcasses unfit for human consumption. On the application of Mr. C. E. H. Beavie, a remand was granted, bail being allowed in the sum of \$100.

The Colony's Health.

During the week ending to-day there have been six cases of smallpox notified in the Colony, all Chinese save one Britisher. Five of the cases ended fatally. There were also three non-fatal occurrences of enteric fever (all Chinese) and one fatal case of diphtheria (Chinese).

SERVICE MEN ENTERTAINED.

Enjoyable "Smoker" at the City Hall.

The small committee of local gentlemen which was responsible for the arranging of the entertainment given in the City Hall last evening in honour of the Shropshire battalion and other units of the garrison, is to be highly congratulated on the success attending its efforts. The theatre was packed to overflowing, there being quite 620 men present.

The chair was occupied by Mr. H. P. White, who was surrounded by officers and friends, and who conducted the proceedings, which took the form of a smoking concert, in his well-known breezy style. The programme was of a distinctly varied character and eminently suitable to the occasion.

The band of the 74th Panchjab, under Bandmaster O. W. Christain, struck a lively note at the commencement by contributing a selection of popular airs, and during the evening greatly assisted in the programme. Several of the Colony's best known amateurs contributed items, Messrs. H. E. Mariel and S. Gray being in splendid voice. The Committee was fortunate in obtaining the services of a troupe of Japanese dancers, and their entertainment was distinctly quaint and interesting. Full appreciation was shown at the conclusion of this turn.

Little Miss Mary Hyde delighted all by her clever dancing of the Highland Fling, and, in response to an hearty encore, she performed a sword dance in excellent style. The piper was Mr. P. Douglas Wilson. An instrumental quartette was much enjoyed, and, in addition to this, Private Jones, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and Mr. R. Sutherland contributed humorous turns. Mr. Severn gave a most excellent imitation of the late Dan Leno, and, like Oliver Twist, the audience demanded more. Mr. Sutherland was responsible for a skit upon the orthodox American conjuror and the old-fashioned Music Hall juggler, the "Toy Dog" which jumped from his kennel at the word of command causing much merriment. As a fitting conclusion to the first part of the entertainment, M. Dufaut, who had very kindly volunteered his services, contrived not less than three items. The success of the evening was largely due to the generous and wholehearted manner in which this artist associated himself with the proceedings—a fact that was thoroughly appreciated by all present. His singing of the Marseillaise, in which the whole of those present joined, will be an incident long retained in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Following the interval, during which smokes and refreshments were served, an exhibition boxing contest was given by Messrs. Plimmer and Beatty, two young boxers well-known to the sporting element of the Colony. Their appearance was the signal for an outburst of appreciation. The two men put all that they knew into the exhibition, and at the conclusion of five very interesting rounds, the referee, Mr. H. J. Gedge, declared the contest a draw. Inspector Wildin acted as time-keeper. Before the contestants withdrew, the Chairman presented each with a handsome souvenir in the shape of a silver cup.

The work for the remainder of the evening largely fell upon the shoulders of the men of the Services, who deserve the greatest credit for the energy they infused into the items. Mr. Livsey impersonated Charlie Chaplin to the life, whilst Messrs. McGregor and Allen provoked the heartiest of laughter by their Chinese juggling act. The programme was brought to a close by a troupe of Royal Engineers giving an original sketch entitled "Ye Olde English Faire," at which the fun waxed fast and furious. The various items in the sketch were very cleverly carried out, and it was a pity that the lateness of the hour prevented a continuance of the "show."

During an interval in the proceedings, the Chairman paid a

LAWN TENNIS.

Last Evening's Play on the Cricket Ground.

There was large attendance of interested spectators at the Cricket ground last evening to watch the matches in the tennis tournament, and the hopes of seeing some good play were fully realised. In the Championship Doubles, Captain Milner Jones and F. W. Cary met N. E. Kent and Lieut. Col. Crisp, and after a very hardy contested match the former won by three sets to love, the scores being 8/6, 6/1, 6/1.

The most interest was displayed in the match between S. E. Green and E. Abraham (owe 4/6), and R. Hancock and H. Hancock (owe 3/0). The brothers Hancock started off in excellent style and, owing to the erratic play of their opponents, won the first set by 6/1. But a different complexion was put on the match in the second set, Green and Abraham settling down to really good work, especially the latter, who came in for quite a lot of appreciative applause. So well were they playing that Green and Abraham took the next two sets by 6/2, 3/1. The other results of the afternoon were:—

Men's Handicap Doubles.—Asst. Paymaster N. Wright and Robinson, (rec. 15.) beat N. O. Galassi and F. Syme Thomson (rec. 5/8.) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Professional Pairs.—L. Winkler and J. Jonckheer beat P. P. J. Wodehouse and J. B. Wood, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8; H. A. Nisbet and A. G. M. Fletcher beat M. M. Mass and W. Manning, 6-1, 6-0.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Company Parades. Central 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10.—Whole of No. 2 Company.

Wednesday, April 11.—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Thursday, April 12.—Whole of No. 3 Company.

Members of these Companies who have not yet drawn rifles will do so prior to the parades.

high tribute to the men of the Shropshire battalion, saying that during their stay in the Colony they had earned the regard of all the residents by their sportsmanlike behaviour and good fellowship.

Major Harris Edge and Captain Haselwood replied, and a vote of thanks to those who had organised the evening was heartily carried.

It should be mentioned that Mr. Denman Fuller most ably carried out the lighting effects, and that Mr. R. Sutherland made a most capable stage manager. Mr. George Grimble proved an efficient accompanist.

Presentation at Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

A very interesting little ceremony took place at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on Wednesday afternoon, when Lady May presented mementoes to about twenty Service men, who, during the past few months, have been doing work in connection with Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. The men have been associated with the working party meeting in the Home, and their output has been extremely creditable. The badges for war workers associated with the Guild are not yet to hand; so instead of the regulation badge, the men were given silver cuff links of plain but good design and inscribed "Q.M.O.G." in monogram on one side and "Hongkong 1917" on the other.

In a short speech, Lady May expressed her appreciation of the work the men had done, and said that it gave her real pleasure to present these things to the men. It was gratifying to find the men here working for their comrades elsewhere; and she hoped that these simple trinkets would always bring back pleasant memories of their stay in Hongkong. They were leaving with the heartiest good wishes of all.

After the presentation, Lady May took tea with the men.

LUK WING-THING.

Real Purpose of his Visit to Peking.

Interviews with General Luk Wing-ting reveal that his visit to Peking is to urge the Government to take certain actions regarding the administrative affairs of Kwangtung. Among other things, says the *Peking Daily News* of March 30, General Luk will recommend the following changes:—

(1) The Civil Governor should be changed, and another man should be found to take the place of Mr. Chu Hing-lan.

(2) The Military Commissioners at important places of Kwangtung should be changed and replaced by men who can co-operate with him.

(3) General Lung Chai-kwong's troops at Canton should be replaced by his own troops.

His Reception in Peking.

The *Peking Daily News* of March 28 has the following:—
Before his departure a large number of representatives appointed by various important persons in the North were sent to Kwangtung to accompany General Luk Wing-ting, the hero of the late Revolution, on his journey northwards. Among them are Mr. Kuo Tso-kun, representative of President Li, Wu Sheng-yen, representative of Vice-President Feng, Su Fang-hien, representative of Generals Chang Fan and Ni Shih-chung, and a long list of others.

On the 22nd instant at 7 a.m. General Luk arrived at Nanking, where he was warmly welcomed by the Vice-President, who introduced his wife and children to him and showed him the Mausoleum of the Emperors of the Ming Dynasty, and all historical spots, like Yu Hui Tai, where Taiping rebels fought desperately against the "braves" of General Tseng Kuo-chuan.

On the 23rd instant, before his departure for Panfu, he was invited by the military men of Nanking to a banquet. On the 24th instant he arrived at Panfu, where General Ni Shih-chung entertained him, and had a long talk with him. In the course of their conversation General Ni said: "I don't agree with the foreign policy of the Government. What is your opinion?" "For my part," replied General Luk, "I will submit to the decision of Parliament, and, being a military man, will obey the orders of the Government. In so important a national affair, it is imperative that all people in the country should unite themselves together to give unreserved support to the Government."

General Ni then said: "This sounds rather official, and there is no more to be said on the matter. We had better talk about private affairs. We two are the only survivors of the numerous military officers serving under General Su Yuan-chi. Therefore, it is our duty to work harmoniously to effect the salvation of the nation."

On the same night General Luk arrived at Hsuehchow where a reception was prepared by General Chang Fan, who accompanied him to the railway station the next day. On the 25th instant he arrived at Tainan, where General Chang Hui-chih met him at the railway station, and gave him a warm welcome. On the 26th instant he arrived at Tientsin, where he stayed with the Shenobang, Mr. Chu Chih-pao, and visited Mr. Liang Chi-chiao and other influential heroes.

On his way to Peking, he was interviewed by several newspaper reporters. He said to them: "I did not mean to come up to Peking, but I have to lay before the Government the financial difficulties of my province. The military and administrative expenditures of Kwangtung is \$1,800,000 per month, including \$300,000 of loss by exchange on Bank of China notes. But the revenue of the province is far below that amount. I can bear witness that none of us high officials there have misappropriated one cash from the Government Treasury. Some say that I have come to the Capital in order to seek a high post, but these are lies. My desire is to be relieved of the responsible post and going to

enjoy the rest of my life. I will do my best if my services are required.

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VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 21, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—

Detail.
On duty from the morning of Sunday, the 8th April, to the morning of Sunday, the 15th April "A" Coy. H.K.V.R.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. H. R. B. Hancock.
Next for duty, H. K. V. O.

Parades.
Tuesday, 10th instant:—
Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Wednesday, 11th instant:—
Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section: "A" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee, Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Thursday, 12th instant:—
Sergeants will attend a class of instruction in Bayonet Fighting at Scandal Point at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section: "A" and "B" Classes at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee, Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Friday, 13th instant:—"A" and "B" Coes on the road outside the Law Courts at 5.15 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section: "A" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee, Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Strength.
Pte. W. C. Shiner having joined is allotted Corps No. 651 and posted to Coy. "A" Platoon 1 Section 1.

Transfer.
No. 53 Pte. F. A. Brown is transferred to the H.K.V. Corps.

No. 360 Pte. N. G. Nolan is transferred to "D" Coy.

Notice.
Extract from Routine Orders No. 568 dated the 30th March 1917:—The undermentioned qualified at a Signalling Examination held at this Station on the 28th and 27th March, 1917, and has been awarded certificate as follows:—
Sergt. Mitchellmore, H. K. V. R.—Asst. Instructor.

Reference Corps Order No. 19 of 29th March 1917. Copies of the form for Registration may be obtained from the Orderly Room.

The Orderly Room will be closed from Friday, 6th April, to Monday, 9th April, both days inclusive.

A Hungry Thief.
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court, this morning, a coolie was charged with the theft of a heavy iron ship's chain.

Sergeant Wills stated that defendant was seen at Yaumati, by a lagoon, carrying the chain in a bag. When asked how he came to be in possession of it, he could give no satisfactory explanation, and was taken into custody. Defendant told his Worship that he took charge of the chain as he wished to pawn it to get money with which to buy rice, as he was hungry.

Sergeant Wills stated that he found the name of the owner on a link of the chain, and, when interviewed, he said he had missed one of several. The case was remanded.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon when those present were:—

H. E. the Governor—(Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G.)
H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris.)

The Hon. Mr. Oland Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. O. McMeas).

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C.

The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shellen.
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

Financial.
The following financial minute, recommended by H. E. the Governor, was referred to the Finance Committee, by whom it was subsequently approved:—A sum of \$719 in aid of the rate Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon Water Works, (44) miscellaneous water works.

Merchant Shipping Ordinance.
The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899-1913. He said that the changed state of things occasioned by the war had caused a shortage in the number of competent officers, second officers and engineers of steamships, and by this Bill it was proposed to relax the ordinary requirements with regard to the number of other ships had to carry—at least on river steamers not exceeding 400 tons. Such relaxation could be better effected on river steamers than on ocean-going boats. The effect of Clause 2 of the Bill would be that in future river steamers not exceeding 40 tons would be able to proceed with a master and three Chinese pilots, the present requirement being a master and a certificated officer. It was also provided that such steamers would be able to proceed with one certificated engineer and one engine-room boy, a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master. At present time such steamers had to have two certificated engineers. The second object of the Bill was to enable a regulation to be made so as to require certain licences to have a licence. It was intended to licence motor boats and pleasure craft, but there was a number of launches at present used for business which were not paying a licence fee. In fact, such launches would have taken out a licence. The third part of the Bill was to give the Governor-in-Council power to regulate and control the embarkation of persons on vessels all kinds, which, owing to circumstances arising from the war, was a very desirable power to have.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said supposed that they must take that the clause dealing with a number of officers on river ship was necessary. He thought it was obviously undesirable to have only one European officer in charge of the dock and one officer in the engine room under normal circumstances, especially in view of the possibility of collision with another ship, fire on board, disturbances on board and piratical attack from outside. He would therefore express the hope that, as soon as possible, that clause of the Bill would be repealed.

His Excellency the Governor said that they all recognised that there were many objections to only having one officer on deck and one below, and as soon as they could alter matters they would.

Without further discussion, the Bill went through all its remaining stages and was passed.

The Council was adjourned for a fortnight.

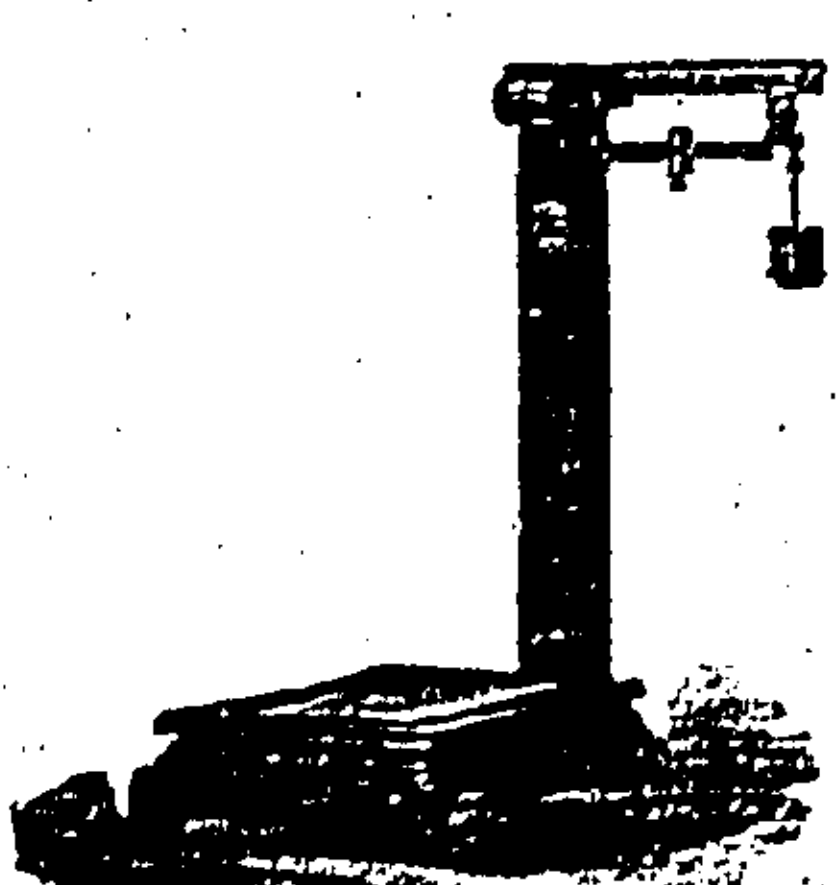
Kailan Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 31, amounted to 66,621 tons and the sales during the period to 52,997 tons.

ENTERTAINMENT.

TO-NIGHT
AT 9.15
ALSO
Saturday, April 7.
AND
Monday, April 9.
Frederic Shipman
PRESENTS
THE FRENCH-CANADIAN TENOR
PAUL DUFALT
ASSISTED BY
PAULINE BINDLEY, ERNEST EMPSON,
SOPRANO.
PIANO.
TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME:
Piano Solos... (a) LOVE'S DREAM... Liszt
(b) SCHERZO in E Minor... Mendelssohn
Aria... ONE FINE DAY (Madame Butterfly)... Puccini
Miss PAULINE BINDLEY.
Airs... PRAYER from LE CID... Massenet
PAUL DUFALT.
Songs... (a) LEAVES AND THE WIND... Leoni
(b) VILLANELLE... Dell'Acqua
Miss PAULINE BINDLEY.
Duet... Between Micaela and Don Jose (1st Act "Carmen") Bizet
Miss BINDLEY and MR DUFALT.
Interim.
Piano Solo... WEDDING DAY... Grieg
ERNEST EMPSON.
Songs... (a) SYLVELIN... Sinding
(b) J'AI PLEURE EN REVE... Hue
(c) MORNING... Sreake
PAUL DUFALT.
Songs... (a) MY MOTHER BIDS ME BIND MY HAIR... Haydn
(b) MY MESSAGE... d'Hardelot
(c) POOR WANDERING ONE ("Pirates of Penzance") Sullivan
Miss PAULINE BINDLEY.
Songs... (a) MOTHER O' MINE... Tour
(b) BLUEETS D'AMOUR... Pessard
(c) THE TRUMPETER... Dix
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AUCTIONEER & GENERAL
BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received
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lic Auction on
THURSDAY, the 12th April,
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Household Furniture**

Comprising:—

Teak hatstands, easy chairs,
teak writing tables, blackwood
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pictures, ornaments, etc., etc.
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chairs, teak sideboard, dinner
waggon, ice chest, dinner service,
electric table fans and lamps,
glass and electro-plated ware,
etc., etc.

Single and double teak ward-
robes with bevelled mirrors,
double brass mounted iron bed-
steads, teak dressing tables,
marble top washstands, etc., etc.

Also

1 Adams Cabinet.

On view from Wednesday, the

11th inst.

Catalogue will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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24 "I Z" Slazenger Tennis

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35 dozen "M & T" Superior

Golf Balls.

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Balls.

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POST OFFICE.

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the un-
dermentioned articles are prohibited
from importation into the United King-
dom, either by letter post or by parcel
post:—

Gold manufactured or unmanufactured,
including gold coin and articles consisting
partly of containing gold; All manu-
factures of Silver other than silver
watches and silver watch cases; Jewel-
lery of any description.

Letters and Parcels containing such
articles cannot therefore be accepted for
transmission by the Post Office.

FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new
regulations adopted by the French
Customs in relation to parcels
addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria
must fill in the columns of the regular
Customs Declaration particularly and
exactly, omitting none of the headings
comprised therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary
to show in the aforesaid declaration (1)
The full name and address of the addressee
(2) A statement as to whether the contents
are intended for resale en masse or not.

Particulars of on-going and incoming
Mails will not be advertised in future.
The Post Office will forward all corre-
spondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mor-
occo cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS
OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 6 p.m.

Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays,

9.30 a.m.

Cheung Chow.—Week days, 8 p.m.

Shamshui, Shatin and Sheungshui.—

Week days, 4 p.m.

Aberdeen, Au-yu, Ping Shan, Sai Kung,

San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.

Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week

days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 6 p.m.; Let-

ters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;

Sundays, 9 a.m.

Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except

Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Namtau and Namme.—Week days,

5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Shamshui.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.;

Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN

BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;

Sundays, 9.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.;

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Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.;

Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.;

9.30 p.m.

Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.;

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 5th at 11.35—Pressure has in-
creased considerably from the 4th to the
central Japan, and moderately in the
extreme North-West. It has decreased
slightly over S.W. China and is nearly
stationary elsewhere.

A feeble anticyclone covers Japan.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.10 inch.
Total since January 1st, 3.4 inches,
against an average of 6.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	E or variable winds, moderate to light; fine to cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lianao	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

April 5, a.m.

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T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 5, 1917.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees

Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in in-

ches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees

Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation